(ii) The Central Government extends financial assistance to Non-Hindi speaking States/UTs for appointment of Hindi teachers.

(iii) Financial assistance is given to States for setting up Hindi Teachers Training Colleges.

Agreement between University Grants Commission and National Book Trust

4363. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement was signed between the University Grants Commission and the National Book Trust to integrate the schemes for production of books for higher education sector in both the organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a National Committee has been constituted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the composition and objectives of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below:

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

The Memorandum of Understanding signed between the National Book Trust and the University Grants Commission on 24-7-1991 inter-alia provides as under:

"The UGC would continue to provide assistance to authors under its existing scheme for Preparation of University Level Books by Indian Authors, while the NBT will continue to operate its scheme for the Subsidised Publication of Books, subject to the modifications arising from or required in accordance with the Aide Memoire of discussions between the N.B.T. and the U.G.C. and the Memorandum of Understanding.

The National Book Trust would constitute a National Committee of not more than 11 members, with the representation of the University Grants Commission and senior representatives from ICAR, AICTE, ICMR and also some individuals of eminence, for the overall guidance and direction in respect of the schemes of the UGC and the NBT for the preparation and publication of text/reference books for higher education. The directions and guidelines issued by the National Committee, from time to time, will be binding on all mechanisms of coordination particularly the Core Committee established under this memorandum of Understanding. The National Committee would also, inter-alia, produce every year, for publication and dissemination, a report giving a broad evaluation of the publishing scene in relation to text/reference books for higher education and also give a final list of areas of concern for taking promotional action for encouraging preparation and publication of text/reference books for higher education.

The National Committee would meet as often as necessary and evolve its own procedures of functioning. It would, in addition, also evolve appropriate mechanisms for interacting with educational authorities and publishers of various languages. It may constitute sub-committees, teams and task forces as

may be considered necessary. The National Book Trust would provide the required financial and administrative support for the functioning of this National Committee.

Under the guidelines and directions of the National Committee, Core Committees would be set up, with the financial and administrative support of the UGC, in various disciplines, in order to perform the following functions:

(a) identifying the areas in which books need to be brought out and also suggesting the names of authors who may be invited for preparation of books on certain specified topics;

(b) considering proposals for preparation of books and making recommendations on the synopses and the manuscripts submitted by individual author(s);

(c) recommending to the UGC, within the limits prescribed by the National Committee, the payment of fees and other charges pertaining to preparation or review of synopses and the manuscript(s);

(d) preparing a list of resource persons of eminence for evaluation of synopses of the proposed books and also of completed manuscript(s); and

(e) carrying out a survey of the books already published during the previous year in order to provide relevant facts regarding the publishing scene in respect of text/reference books for higher education and also making recommendations for the consideration of the National Committee regarding the areas of concern and the steps required for bringing improvement in the quality of educational publishing.

Before taking a decision for providing financial assistance for the preparation of the manuscript(s), the synopsis of each of the manuscripts to be prepared under the UGC scheme shall be evaluated by two experts, according to a procedure laid down by the National Committee. When a complete manuscript is received on the initiative of the author(s) or when a manuscript commissioned by the UGC is completed on the basis of synopsis, it would be evaluated, in its final form, in accordance with the procedures laid down by the National Committee for the purpose, by two experts, one of whom would, as far as possible, be of the two experts who had originally evaluated and recommended the synopsis/proposal. The UGC will release the payment to the author(s) for the preparation of the manuscript on the basis of the evaluation and the recommendations of the Core Committee. Thereafter the manuscript and the recommendations of the experts will be sent to the NBT who will process it further thereafter, dealing directly with the author(s)/publisher(s), in accordance with its scheme for the subsidised Publication of Books.

If a proposal/synopsis or a manuscript for a text/reference book for higher education is received directly in the NBT, it will refer the same for evaluation and advice to the Core Committee concerned. However, if no Core Committee has been constituted for the concerned discipline or the Core Committee fails to take timely action

on the proposal/synopsis/manuscript, the NBT would be free to process the case according to the procedures laid down in its ongoing scheme for the Subsidised Publication of Books.

Decisions with regard to the provision of subsidy for publications, the size of the print order and the number of editions to be supported would, in accordance with the scheme of Subsidised Publication of Books, rest finally with the NBT. However, provision of subsidy for the third or subsequent editions/reprints would be made only on the basis of specific recommendations of the National Committee."

Regulatory Body to Monitor Compliance of Environment Protection Act

4364. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up an independent regulatory Body to monitor compliance of Environment Protection Act, 1986; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/propose to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The matter was reviewed and on finding that the existing implementing agencies such as the Central and State State Pollution Control Boards were adequate to enforce the provisions of the Act, it was decided not to set up an independent authority.

[*Translation*]

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Shajapur

4365. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Shajapur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No proposal for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalaya at Shajapur during the current academic year has been received by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Allotment of Residential Plots by DDA

4366. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Lakhon Ke Plot Koriyon Ke Bhav Diye" appearing in New Delhi edition of Hindustan dated August 3, 1991; and

(b) the reaction of the Government and the steps being taken to check the corruption prevailing in the DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination.

Narmada Action Plan

4367. SHRI MOHANLAL JHIKRAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Narmada Action Plan has been chalked out on the pattern of Ganga Action Plan;